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RE:

Stephen J. Demczak, Senior Reclamation Specialist 9th East Reclamation Act ... 9th East Reclamation As-built, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, Carallel AM01A

SUMMARY:

The proposed changes to the Deer Creek Mine were received on February 1, 2001 at the Price Field Office.

PacifiCorp initially submitted the 9th East Breakout Reclamation Plan on September 1, 1999 and received approval from the Division on September 21, 1999. Final reclamation activities commenced on November 8, 1999 and was completed December 10, 1999. Approximately 0.6 of an acre was reclaimed during this project, including demolition and removal of the portal facilities.

The permittee has submitted an as-built drawing and updated text of the reclamation plan for the 9th East portals of the Deer Creek Mine. The submittal of as-built drawing #DS1788D is the final reclamation contours for the 9th East portal area. The permittee also updated the text from future tense to past tense for example, "will be" to "was" or "will be" to "were." The updating of tenses will help future readers understand what has taken place on the ground at the 9th East portal area.

Information found in the proposal is considered adequate to meet the requirements of the R645 Coal Rules.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

RECLAMATION PLAN

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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Regulatory Reference: PL 95-87 Sec. 515 and 516; 30 CFR Sec. 784.13, 784.14, 784.15, 784.16, 784.17, 784.18, 784.19, 784.20, 784.21, 784.22, 784.23, 784.24, 784.25, 784.26; R645-301-231, -301-233, -301-322, -301-323, -301-331, -301-333, -301-341, -301-342, -301-411, -301-412, -301-422, -301-512, -301-513, -301-521, -301-522, -301-525, -301-526, -301-527, -301-528, -301-529, -301-531, -301-533, -301-534, -301-536, -301-537, -301-542, -301-623, -301-624, -301-625, -301-626, -301-631, -301-632, -301-731, -301-723, -301-724, -301-725, -301-726, -301-728, -301-729, -301-731, -301-732, -301-733, -301-746, -301-764, -301-830.
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Analysis:

The permittee has submitted a P.E. certified final reclamation contours drawing (DS1788D) of the 9th East portal area. There were no permanent facilities left after reclamation. This drawing meets the requirements of R645-301-542.301.

The permittee also included pictures of the 9th East portal area pre- and post-reclamation.

Findings:

The requirements of this section of the regulations are considered adequate in regard to the proposed permit change for the addition of the as-built drawing of the 9th East portal area reclamation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Amendment C/015/018-AM01A is considered adequate, and therefore, an approval should be given.

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